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Borough of Evesham

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1938.

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Councillor Nightingale and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of your District for the year 1938.

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area, in acres	3,958
Population, Registrar General's estimate, mid 1938 ...	10,910
Number of inhabited houses, end of 1938	3,127
Rateable value, 1st April, 1938	£75,942
Sum represented by a penny rate	£316

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	67	80	147
Illegitimate	4	5	9

Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... 14.3

	Males	Females	Total
Still Births	—	2	2

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 13

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	86	51	137

Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... 12.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

	Deaths.	Rates per 1,000 total (live and still births).
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes ...	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	38
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	34
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	111

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	13
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	1

Comparison with some of the figures for the whole country is as follows:

	England & Wales.	District.
Birth-rate	15.1	14.3
Death-rate	11.6	12.6
Infantile Mortality rate	53	38

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The following Table gives the causes of death during 1938, viz.:

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females	Total.
Measles	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Influenza	—	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	2	3	5
Other Tuberculous Diseases	2	1	3
Cancer, Malignant Disease	10	3	13
Diabetes	1	2	3
Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.	7	3	10
Heart Disease	24	15	39
Aneurysm	—	—	—
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	1	3
Bronchitis	1	—	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	5	6	11
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	—	1
Diarrhœa, etc.	—	1	1
Appendicitis, etc.	1	—	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	2	1	3
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	2	1	3
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	—	—	—
Congenital Debility, etc.	2	—	2
Senility	12	3	15
Suicide	1	2	3
Other Deaths from Violence	4	3	7
Other Defined Diseases	7	4	11
Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—	—
	86	51	137

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

These remain the same as set out in previous Reports, and I need only refer to one—

The Evesham Sanatorium.

This serves as joint Isolation Hospital for the three Districts—

Evesham Borough,
Evesham Rural District, and
Pershore Rural District.

It would be well if the contemplated extensions of this institution were carried out as soon as possible.

Within the existing accommodation it is only convenient to receive cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria.

Provision for isolation, care and treatment of patients stricken with the less frequent diseases, Enteric and Para-typhoid Fever, Poliomyelitis, Encephalitis and Cerebro-spinal Meningitis is required.

For the present, cases of these diseases are sent, when it is necessary, to Worcester City Fever Hospital under arrangements made between the three Authorities concerned and the Worcester Corporation.

This may not always be convenient.

At the Evesham Sanatorium there are also needed isolation cubicles where cases of doubtful diagnosis may be received for observation.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

The winter rainfall was low and there was shortage again. The use of water had to be restricted, and the supply was cut off at night from May 14th to June 2nd, and again from June 18th to November 28th.

Also, from July 27th to November 28th, the supply was augmented from other sources—the Evesham Rural District Council's supply and from springs at Middle Hill.

It is much to be hoped that the increased supply you have so long sought may soon be obtained. It is badly needed.

Sewage Disposal.

Mr. Abbott, in his Report which is appended, again draws attention to the inadequacy of the present Disposal Works.

With the continued growth of the Borough the increased volume of sewage to be treated will become even greater as time goes on.

The Scheme devised by your Consulting Engineer, Mr. A. H. S. Waters, has had your general approval, except for some question

raised as to the exact position of the new works. This question should be decided as soon as possible.

The site proposed by Mr. Waters may be relied upon as quite suitable; but if there is any strong desire that the Works should be placed further away from the town, it would be well to determine without delay what additional cost this would entail, and to consider what advantage, if any, might be gained.

Camping Sites.

There are four Camping Sites within the confines of the Borough. All of these have been licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

At one of them good lavatories with wash hand basins and w.c.'s have been provided. At the others the ordinary methods of camp sanitation are adopted.

Some complaints were received of occasional rowdyism and noise at night, otherwise no nuisance was caused.

It is in August that the camps are most frequented, especially in the first half of the month. The maximum number occupying the four camps then was approximately 750.

Swimming Baths.

The filtration and chlorination plant worked satisfactorily throughout the season. Samples of water were taken every fourteen days for bacteriological examination and the reports received upon them were always good.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

This year no bugs were found in any of your Council Houses.

One other house in which these pests were found was treated successfully with Zaldecide and Cumex fumigators.

During the year 39 families were removed from condemned houses to the new houses built for them at Fairfield.

When the presence of bugs was known, or strongly suspected, in any of the houses evacuated the bedding was in all cases destroyed, as also any furniture incapable of reliable disinfestation, such as old bedding, sofas and padded chairs, and new bedding and furniture supplied free of cost to the tenants.

The cost of these replacements will be money well spent to avoid greater expense in the future. Your decision to adopt this policy is both wise and just. As you know from the experience of a few cases in the past, it is difficult and very costly to disinfest a house: it is much cheaper to spend money to prevent the introduction of bugs into your new Council Houses than to eliminate them once they have invaded. It would be a hardship to many of

the tenants removed, and impossible to some, to replace the articles at their own cost.

From August onwards monthly inspections were made of the houses at Fairfield for the presence of vermin and advice given to the tenants and where necessary admonition as to household cleanliness.

Housing.

Mr. Abbott, in his Report, gives a detailed account of housing matters in a table he includes.

This shows that 13 houses were built by private enterprise during the year.

The 36 houses and 12 flats you erected to rehouse tenants from condemned houses are now all occupied.

It was not possible in addition to these to build any during the year under the 1936 Act to relieve overcrowding.

The number of overcrowded dwellings in the Borough is a little over twenty.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The duties under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, are carried out by the Inspectors of Weights and Measures. Sanitary Inspectors can also take samples under the Acts.

All dairies and slaughterhouses are under the supervision of your Sanitary Inspector, by whom they are visited periodically.

Milk.

Examination of samples of the milk sold in the Borough taken by Mr. Abbott, and by the County Milk Sampling Officer, showed that all the milk sold as "Tuberculin Tested" complied fully with the prescribed conditions.

The samples of "Accredited Milk" also were generally quite satisfactory, but occasionally an isolated sample fell short of the proper standard.

Tests of one of the "Pasteurised" milks sold gave uneven results: the bacterial count varied and sometimes the Phosphatase Test indicated that the proper conditions for Pasteurisation as regards limits of temperature, etc., had not been maintained.

The proprietor was warned that his Pasteurising plant was not satisfactory, and that he should replace it by one with self registering temperature recording charts without which it is almost impossible to regulate the process accurately and obtain uniformly satisfactory results. He has now discarded his old plant.

Report on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, and the Factories Act, 1937 (which superseded the Act of 1901 on 1st July, 1938).

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Number of Written Notices (3)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories with mechanical power	16	5	—
Factories without mechanical power	3	—	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises	39	—	—
Total	58	5	—

2.—Defects found.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects. Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted. (5)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4		
Overcrowding (S.2)				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)—				
insufficient ...				
unsuitable or defective				
not separate for sexes				
Other offences ... (Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937.				
Total	4	4		

OUTWORK IN UNWHOLESOME PREMISES

(Section 108 of Act of 1901; Section 111 of Act of 1937)

There were no instances of this during the year.

(Signed) G. E. HARTHAN,

20th May, 1939. Medical Officer of Health.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases During the Year.

Age Groups.	Scarlet Fever			Diphtheria			Puerperal Pyrexia.			Acute Poliomyelitis		
	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Hospital Cases.	Deaths.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—2 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3—4 ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10 ,,	10	10	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
11—15 ,,	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16—20 ,,	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21—35 ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
36—45 ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46—65 ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
66 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	14	14	—	5	5	—	2	1	—	1	—	—

SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

Occurrence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria during 1938:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	2	4	2	14
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	5

It will be noticed that the Scarlet Fever except in the last quarter of the year occurred only in scattered cases. Of the 8 cases in the last quarter, 4 were at Hampton and 4 in Evesham.

Of the 5 Diphtheria cases 4 were of children attending Hampton School, the other case being that of an adult in Evesham.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

Two cases were notified during the year, one in June and the other in August. One of the patients was removed to Hospital and both made good recoveries.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS.

The single case notified occurred in November. The symptoms were not very severe and the patient was treated successfully at home.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

One case was notified in June and the patient made a good recovery without any impairment of vision.

PNEUMONIA.

Two cases of Pneumonia were notified during the year, and 11 deaths due to this disease were registered.

Not all cases of Pneumonia are notified, only some types being notifiable.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table gives particulars of the 20 new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from the disease in the area during 1938:

Age Periods.	New Cases. Pulmonary. M.	New Cases. Pulmonary. F.	New Cases. Non-Pulmonary. M.	New Cases. Non-Pulmonary. F.	Deaths. Pulmonary. M.	Deaths. Pulmonary. F.	Deaths. Non-Pulmonary M.	Deaths. Non-Pulmonary F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 – 4 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 – 14 ,, ...	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
15 – 24 ,, ...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 – 34 ,, ...	4	1	—	1	—	2	—	—
35 – 44 ,, ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 – 54 ,, ...	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	—
55 – 64 ,, ...	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	8	7	3	2	2	3	1	1

Number of deaths from non-notified tuberculosis ... ... Nil

Total number of tuberculosis deaths 7

The following Table shows the notification and death-rate per 1,000 of the population for the last 22 years:

	Notification Rate. Pulmonary.	Notification Rate. Non-Pulmonary.	Death rate. Pulmonary.	Death rate. Non-Pulmonary.
1938.	1.37	.44	.44	.18
1937.	.94	.66	.56	.09
1936.	1.37	.09	.82	—
1935.	1.44	.45	.63	.27
1934.	.81	.36	.18	.08
1933.	.67	.22	1.03	.11
1932.	1.47	.68	.45	.11
1931.	1.13	.12	.79	.34
1930.	1.38	.69	.59	.23
1929.	.45	.23	.69	.11
1928.	1.63	1.28	.93	.23
1927.	1.87	.58	.94	.12
1926.	1.33	.35	.82	—
1925.	.93	.11	.69	—
1924.	1.40	.23	.46	.11
1923.	1.85	46	1.04	.23
1922.	1.40	.46	1.16	.23
1921.	2.32	.69	.92	.35
1920.	2.26	.34	.56	.11
1919.	2.80	.35	1.06	—
1918.	2.70	.65	1.95	.27
1917.	3.20	.25	1.40	.12

SCHOOLS.

It was not necessary to close any of the Schools in the District during the year owing to illness.

I append the Report of your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Abbott, to whom I am again deeply indebted for his great help and co-operation given to me throughout the year.

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. HARTHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Borough of Evesham

REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR YEAR, 1938.

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Councillor Nightingale and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report of Sanitary work for the year 1938 as follows:

1. *Infectious Diseases*:

Fifty-two cases of notifiable Infectious Diseases were reported which included fourteen of Scarlet Fever and five of Diphtheria. These nineteen cases were removed to and treated at the Sanatorium. The houses whence the persons were removed were fumigated with formalin vapour.

The old "Wolseley" Ambulance was replaced by a new Motor Ambulance.

A new boiler was installed for the Steam Disinfector.

2. *Milk Supplies, Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops*:

Most of the milk purveyed in the town was produced in the adjoining rural districts.

A number of Milk Samples were collected and tested by the County Analyst and Bacteriologist.

A new dairy with up-to-date plant was installed by a Purveyor for the pasteurisation of milk and sterilisation of milk utensils.

Milk Shops on the whole were found to be satisfactory.

There still remain two cowsheds which need reconstruction to bring them up to satisfactory standard.

3. *Meat Inspection, Butchers' Shops and Slaughter Houses*:

Regular inspections of Butchers' Shops and Slaughter Houses were made.

The report indicates that some twenty-three tons of carcases of animals, meat and offal were condemned as unfit for human consumption which were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed.

4. *Common Lodging Houses*:

There are four Common Lodging Houses which were periodically inspected.

Two notices were served to abate nuisances.

5. *Factories and Workshops*:

The condition of these premises were found to be satisfactory.

6. *House Refuse Collection and Disposal*:

The house refuse was collected regularly and disposed of in the Destructor at the Gasworks and at the tips at Badsey Lane and Peewit Lane.

7. *Waterworks and Water Supplies*:

New water mains were laid to private building development at "Lichfield Avenue," King's Road, and to the Town Council's Housing Scheme at Fairfield, Hampton.

In the summer of this year trial constructional works were carried out at Pinnock with the object of seeking water in an undefined channel which proved successful. A scheme to collect this water was prepared by Mr. A. H. S. Waters, Consulting Engineer, Birmingham, and forwarded with all necessary estimates to the Ministry of Health. It is hoped that during the coming year the Ministry will approve the Scheme and sanction a loan for the work to be carried out.

Samples of the town water were taken periodically and subjected to both chemical and bacteriological examination. The results in every case proved that the water was of the usual good quality and fit for drinking.

8. *Sewerage and Sewage Disposal*:

Extensions were made to the Sewerage system to connect up private building development in Worcester Road and the Council's building estate at Fairfield Hampton.

I mentioned in my report for 1937 that the necessary drawings for new Sewage Disposal Works were to be put in hand. A site for the Works has been selected by Mr. A. H. S. Waters, Consulting Engineer, but the Council have not yet approved of the same. The scheme should be proceeded with in the near future, as the present Works are entirely unsuitable and inadequate for dealing with the volume of the town's sewage.

9. *Smoke Abatement*:

Three cases were reported, not of a serious nature, therefore no steps were taken against the offenders.

10. *Slum Clearance*:

A Housing Scheme at Fairfield, Hampton, comprising thirty-six 3-bedroom houses and twelve 2-bedroom flats were completed during the year.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of forty-five

houses represented by the Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation.

I desire to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health and other officials for their co-operation and assistance given to me in carrying out the duties of my Sanitary Department.

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. ABBOTT,

Sanitary Inspector.

April, 1939.

BOROUGH OF EVESHAM.

Public Health Staff.

(*a*) Medical Officer of Health: G. E. Harthan, B.A., M.B., B.C. (Camb.).

(*b*) Sanitary Inspector: J. Abbott, M.I.M.&C.E., Cert.R.San.I.

(*c*) Assistant Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector: G. C. Lancaster, F.R.C.V.S.

(*d*) Others: R. J. Jameson, G. W. J. Kite and C. Cameron.

Inspector's Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

Infectious Diseases, &c.	Visits to houses on account of notifiable disease	19
	Houses disinfected after notifiable disease	19
	Other houses disinfected	7
Housing.		H (Houses). F (Flats)
	Houses erected: (a) By Local Authority	36H. 12F.
	(b) By private enterprise or subsidy ...	13
	1. (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects	117
	(b) Number (included above) inspected and recorded under Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 ...	Nil
	(c) Number of dwelling-houses found unfit for habitation	Dealt with under Housing Act, 1936
	(d) Number of dwelling-houses (excluding c.) not in all respects fit for habitation	
	2. Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit after informal action ...	
	3. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 9, 10 and 16.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	4
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	4
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
	4. Public Health Acts.	
	(a) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs or defects remedied	14
	(b) Number of dwellings subsequently rendered fit after notice by	
	(a) The Owner	14
	(b) Local Authority in default of owner	Nil
	5. Housing Act, 1936, Sections 11 and 13.	
	(a) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	45
	(b) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	9

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

Housing—*cont.*	6. Housing Act, 1936, Section 12.	
	(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
	(b) Number of Closing Orders determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil
	7. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV.—Overcrowding.	
	(a) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ...	24
	Number of families dwelling therein	24
	Number of persons dwelling therein	156
	(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
	(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6 (estimated)
	Number of persons concerned in such cases	—
	(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling - houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—
	(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	—
	Dirty Houses dealt with	5
	Yards paved or repaved	2
Moveable Dwellings, Caravans, &c.	No. observed	Nil
	No. dealt with, as insanitary	Nil
House Drainage, &c.	No. laid or relaid	67
	No. trapped, ventilated and repaired ...	61
	No. of obstructed drains dealt with ...	8
	No. of house-drains tested	67
	No. of insanitary lavatories, sinks and urinals rectified	Nil
	In what parishes, if any, is there need for a sewerage scheme, or improvements in sewage disposal?	See Sanitary Requirements
	*No. of privy middens in use at end of year	10
	*No. of earth or pail closets in use at end of year	3
	(*Urban Districts only)	
Water Closets	No. of privy or pail conversions, including additional W.C.'s	Nil
	No. of defective W.C.'s, remedied ...	6
	No. of Slop Closets, converted to W.C.'s, with fresh water flush	Nil
	No. of additional W.C.'s put in	68

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Scavenging	No. of houses from which refuse was removed	3,268
	No. of privies cleansed	Nil
	No. of Ashpits cleansed	Nil
	No. of portable receptacles cleansed,	3,200 (approx.)
	No. of ashpits removed and ash bins provided	14
	How often is house refuse removed ...	Once weekly and twice weekly in parts of town
Smoke Nuisances	No. under observation	3
	No. abated	3
Offensive Trades (Sec. 112 P.H.A. 1875, Section 51 P.H.A.A.A. 1907)	No. under observation	7
	No. improperly conducted	Nil
	No. newly established, with consent of Council	Nil
Water Supply	No. of wells sunk	Nil
	No. of wells cleansed and repaired ..	Nil
	No. of wells closed as polluted	Nil
	No. of houses supplied from waterworks during year	13
	No. of samples of water sent for analysis	26
	No. of houses with contaminated or deficient water supplies dealt with ...	Nil
	Is there a deficiency in any parish or part of the District? If so, please give name of parish or part?	During drought periods
Slaughter Houses	Public Slaughter houses	None
	No. registered (private)	2*
	No. licensed (private)	2*
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	Nil
	Cases of slaughtering on unlicensed premises reported	Nil
	No. of inspections	*Average thrice weekly
Milk	No. of registered dairy farms in the area	4
	Total No. of Retailers in district ..	18
	No. of Licences under Milk (Special Designations) Order:—	

	Pasteurized	Accredited	Tuberculin Tested
Bottlers	1	1	Nil
Retailers	2	3	Nil
Producers	Nil	1	Nil

	Approximate No. of milking cows in the district	22
Canal Boats	No. of boats on register	None
	No. of boats registered during year ...	
	No. of certificates renewed	
	No. of boats inspected (for registration or otherwise)	
	No. of contraventions of Acts and Regulations dealt with	

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Lodging Houses	No. on Register	4
	No. of inspections	8
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	2
Houses Let in Lodgings	No. on Register	Nil
	No. of Inspections	
	No. of contraventions of bye-laws or defects found	
Food	No. of seizures as unfit for consumption	—
	Amount voluntarily surrendered as unfit for consumption	—
	Amount destroyed as unfit for consumption: Meat	T. C. Q. 22 18 3
	Other Foodstuffs (Fish)	1 0
		22 19 3
	Cases of animals affected with Tuberculosis: Oxen	—
	Pigs	—
Food and Drugs Act	Samples taken for analysis	Nil
	No. of samples certified genuine	
	No. of samples certified adulterated ...	
Other Matters	Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, Cases dealt with.	45 Notices
	Verminous Persons. Cases dealt with ...	Nil
	Verminous Houses do. ...	2
	Stagnant Water do. ...	Nil
	Nuisances arising from domestic animals	Nil
Legal Proceedings	Convictions obtained with regard to insanitary conditions	Nil
	Convictions obtained with regard to unsound food	
Outbreaks of Infectious Disease or other abnormal illness during the year	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	14
	Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	3
	Puerperal Pyrexia	2
	Acute Primary Pneumonia	2
	Scarlet Fever	14
	Diphtheria	5
	Erysipelas	10
	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
	Infantile Paralysis	1
	Total	52
Have any large sanitary improvements taken place during the year? If so, please give particulars.	New 3-inch water mains, Lichfield Avenue, off King's Road, and Fairfield Housing Scheme. New deep sewer at Worcester Road. Sewerage for Fairfield Housing Site.	
What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?	1. Augmentation of water supply (Drawings, etc., before the Ministry of Health). 2. Slum Clearance (being proceeded with). 3. Sewage Disposal (Drawings, etc., in course of preparation).	

INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

No. of cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid Fever during the year with any notes as to possible origin		None
General Remarks		

(Signed) J. ABBOTT,

Sanitary Inspector.

28th April, 1939.